

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the final rejection mailed August 11, 2005, claims 6, 9 and 19-21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Stange, and claims 7, 8, 10-18 and 22-25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejections issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, by the current amendment the subject matter of allowable claim 11 has been incorporated into claim 6, and claim 11 has been cancelled. Claims 7, 10, 12-16, 18, 22, 23 and 25 have been amended for consistency with regard to cancellation of claim 11 and incorporation of the subject matter thereof into independent claim 6.

Because only claims remain which include the subject matter of allowable claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 6-10 and 12-25.

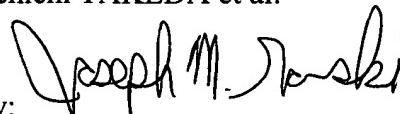
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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